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- (1) JP 2004-506772 A, March 4, 2004;
- (2) WO 02/14429 A1, February 21, 2002; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (1);
- (3) JP 5-51514 A, March 2, 1993, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet);
- (4) EP 0 340 931 A1, November 8, 1989;
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,106,896 (ENDO et al.), April 21, 1992; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (4).

Applicants further direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents discussed throughout the specifications and cumulatively listed at page 7, paragraph [0010] of the present application:

- (6) GB 1,123,358, August 14, 1968;
- (7) JP 1-170641 A, July 5, 1989, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet);
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 4,456,710 (LÜDERS et al.), June 26, 1984;
- (9) JP 1-263145 A, October 19, 1989; Applicants also note that this document is a family member of documents (4) and (5);
- (10) JP 3157579 B2, February 9, 2001;
- (11) EP 0 580 872 A1, February 2, 1994; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (10);
- (12) JP 11-302497 A, November 2, 1999, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet);
- (13) JP 2001-11284 A, January 16, 2001;
- (14) U.S. Patent No. 6,489,388 B1 (KURZ et al.), December 3, 2002; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (13).

Copies of the above-listed documents (with the exception of the U.S. patents) and the International Report for International Application PCT/JP2005/000600 (in English and Japanese) are enclosed together with a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such

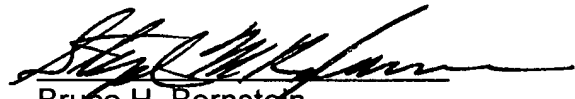
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Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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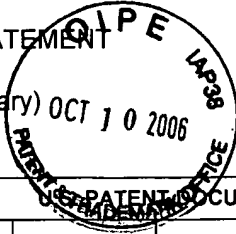
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